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SUBJECT: REPORT ON HIGHWAY - SINALOA

FOLLOWING IS A REPORT RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL MAZATLAN,  
PATRICIA CLARK, DECEMBER 30:

QTE 1. MAZATLAN'S SOL DEL IACIFICO CARRIED BANNER HEADLINES  
TODAY ANNOUNCING THAT 40 PERCENT OF THE RESERVATIONS MADE BY  
U.S. TOURISTS INTENDING TO TRAVEL TO MAZATLAN BY ROAD HAVE  
BEEN CANCELLED. THE CANCELLATION CAN BE DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED  
TO THE ADVERSE PUBLICITY NOW BEING CARRIED IN U.S.  
PAPERS CONCERNING ASSAULTS AND MURDERS ON THE HIGHWAYS, AS  
WELL AS THE LAND PROBLEMS IN SINALOA. 2. THE PAPER ALSO CARRIED  
AN ARTICLE TELLING OF THE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE,  
FELIX GALVAN LOPEZ, WHO ARRIVED FROM MEXICO CITY YESTERDAY  
TO PERSONALLY TAKE CHARGE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE  
FOR ARMY UNITS TO MAN THE HIGHWAYS.

3. ANOTHER ARTICLE TELLS OF THE ARRIVAL YESTERDAY OF  
JORGE COUTTOULENC, DIRECTOR GENERAL DE TOURIST SERVICES,  
TO MEET WITH CITY, STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES,  
CONCERNING ARRANGMENTS BEING MADE TO PROTECT TOURISM  
IN MEXICO.

4. THIS MORNING A SPECIAL CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE FEDERAL  
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BUREAU OF TOURISM TO INAUGURATE THE USE OF 15 ADDITIONAL  
"GREEN ANGELS" TO PATROL THE HIGHWAYS. THE CEREMONY WAS  
ATTENDED BY CITY, STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS  
LOCAL BUSINESSMEN AND CONSUL CLARK. COUTTOULENC TOLD  
CONOFF THAT A TOTAL OF 20 "GREEN ANGELS" WOULD BE PATROLLING  
THE HIGHWAYS FROM NOGALES TO ESQUINAPA, AS WELL AS THE  
HIGHWAY FROM AGUA PRIETA AND HERMOSILLO, AND HIGHWAY 40

FROM DURANGO TO MAZATLAN. IN ADDITION, THE ARMY IS IN THE  
PROCESS OF PLACING UNITS ALONG THESE HIGHWAYS, NOT TO BE  
USED AS CHECK POINTS TO STOP VEHICLES, BUT AS MILITARY  
STATIONS WHICH WOULD SERVE AS DETERRENTS TO WOULD-BE HIGHWAY  
ROBBERS. WHEN ASKED HOW MANY OF THESE UNITS WOULD BE  
POSTED ALONG THE HIGHWAYS, HE WAS UNABLE TO GIVE A FIGURE.

5. SPEECHES WERE MADE BY BOTH THE MAYOR AND COUTTOULENC  
IN WHICH THEY REQUESTED CONOFF TO INFORM THE U.S. GOVT OF  
ITS CONCERN OVER THE HIGHWAY ASSAULTS AND TO REPORT  
THE MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO CLEAR UP THE SITUATION. END QTE  
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